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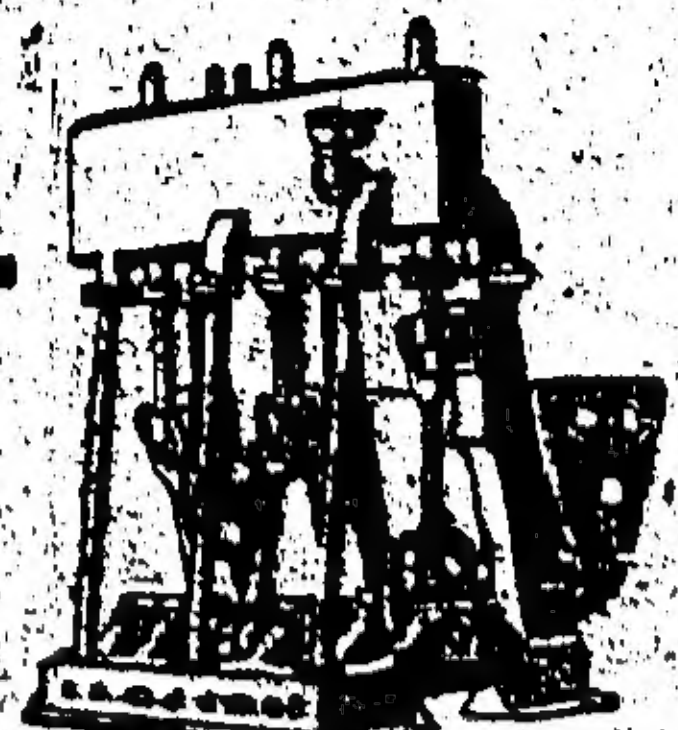
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THE WAR. TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 25.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports—
We repulsed raiders, to the east of Arras.
There was hostile artillery activity to the south-west of Cambrai and on the Messines sector.

BELGIUM "THE PIVOT OF THE WAR"

THE VIEWS OF ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ.
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.
Addressing the Fatherland Party at Cologne, on February 20, Admiral von Tirpitz said—
"We must show that we are superior to England in tenacity. The Western Powers constitute our greatest danger. Unhappily, intensive submarine warfare has so long been delayed that the enemy's counter-measures impeded its speedy effect. We shall, however, hold out longer than England."
Admiral von Tirpitz concluded by declaring that the question of Belgium remained the pivot of the war.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S THANKS TO SHANGHAI

LONDON, Feb. 21.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a letter to the Overseas Club, thanking the Shanghai branch for the donation of £1,300 for banners for the Front, says—
"This is a practical demonstration that Britons overseas are prepared to undergo great sacrifices for the common cause and is most encouraging for everyone fighting in France."

IMPRESSIONS OF THE KAISER.

NEW BOOK BY MR. GERRARD.
LONDON, Feb. 23.
The Times publishes the first instalment of a new book on Germany by the ex-American Ambassador, Mr. Gerrard.
In this book Mr. Gerrard gives his impressions of the Kaiser and the workings of absolute monarchical rule. To illustrate the Kaiser's craft, Mr. Gerrard reveals an incident at the New Year's reception in 1914, when the Kaiser excited the curiosity of other diplomats by conversing the longest with Mr. Gerrard and the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Gernard says—
"What the Kaiser said to me shows his subtlety of purpose. The Kaiser talked to me at length about what he called Japan's designs on the United States. He warned me that Mexico was full of Japanese spies with an army of Japanese Colonels. He also spoke about France, saying that he had made very effort to make up with France, but the French refused to meet his overtures and he would not try again to heal the breach between France and Germany. Little did I know then the purpose at the back of that conversation, but it is clear now that the Emperor wished to have the Government of the United States persuaded, through me, that he was really trying to keep Europe at peace and that the responsibility for what was going to happen would be on France. But the references to Japan and the alleged hostility against us on the part of the faithful holds of the Japanese in Mexico, made me wonder at the time. There were many evidences subsequent to that New Year's Day reception of an attempt to alienate us from Japan. As the climax of clarifying what the Emperor had in mind, came the famous Zimmerman Note. Plotting and intriguing for power and mastery. Such is the misapprehension of the absolute ruler which is today the thing, at President Wilson calls it, which has brought about the war."
The Kaiser's attitude towards the United States is also discussed.

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THE UKRAINIAN PEACE TREATY.

RATIFIED BY REICHTAG.
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.
A message from Berlin states that the Reichstag has ratified the Ukrainian peace treaty.

GERMAN MILITARY ACTION IN RUSSIA.

AUSTRIA NOT PARTICIPATING.
LONDON, Feb. 23.
A message from Vienna states that on February 22, in the Lower House, Dr. Seidler emphasised that Austria-Hungary was not participating in the German military action against Russia (Applause).

WHY AUSTRIA WAS PREPARED TO CEDE CHOLM.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.
The Frankfurter Allgemeine Correspondent explains that Count Czernin's resolve to cede Cholm to Ukraine is due to anxiety to conclude peace and thereby keep up the Austrian spirit and to score off M. Trotsky.

UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO SECURE DITTMANN'S RELEASE.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.
The Reichstag has rejected the proposal to release Herr Dittmann for the duration of the session.
The minority was composed of Poles of both socialist parties.

CONFERENCE OF ENEMY MONARCHS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.
The Emperor Charles conferred with the Kaiser at Main Headquarters. Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, General Ludendorff, the Chief of the Austro-Hungarian General Staff and General von Arz attended.

TURKS RE-OCCUPYING ARMENIA.

LONDON, Feb. 21.
The Turks are rapidly reoccupying Armenia, following up their entry into the important centre of Erzerum, and they have now occupied Platane, which is only eight miles from Trebizond.

THE SECRET BALLOT IN PRUSSIA.

BERLIN FURIOUS AT ITS REFUSAL.
ZURICH, Feb. 23.
The Berlin newspapers contain enormous headlines regarding the refusal of the Constitutional Reform Committee to accept the Government's scheme for equal and "direct, secret" ballot in Prussia.
The fury of the papers supporting the Left is unbounded and they talk of a day of universal mourning and fear that the people will rise against the tyrants.
The Berlin Volkszeitung emphasises the disastrous impression the decision will produce in the trenches.

ANGER IN SPAIN.

MADRID, Feb. 23.
The Press is most angry at the sinking of the Marquise, and suggests the withdrawal from the protection of German interests and even advocates the rupture of diplomatic relations.

INTIMATIONS

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Buildings, No. 6, Connaught Road, on THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 28th February, 1918, until THURSDAY, the 29th February, 1918, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1918. 138

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on FRIDAY, the 1st March, 1918, at 12.15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1917, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd February to 1st March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1918. 140

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Year ending 31st December, 1917, at the rate of Two Pounds Three Shillings Sterling, together with a Bonus of One Pound Sterling per Share, is payable on and after MONDAY, the 26th day of February, Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
N. J. STARR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1918. 169

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of March, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subject of the Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 30th day of February, 1918, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:

- That the word "two" be substituted for the word "three" in the definition of "The Board" in Article 2.
- That the word "two" be substituted for the word "three" in Article 72.
- That the word "one" be substituted for the word "two" in lines one and two of Article 76 and that the word "other" shall be substituted for the word "other" and the word "his" for the word "their" in line two of Article 76 and the word "members" be substituted for the word "members" in line three of Article 76.
- That the word "Director" be substituted for the word "Directors" in Article 77.
- That the word "Director" be substituted for the word "Directors" in line four of Article 78.
- That the word "signature" be substituted for the word "signatures" in lines 1, 2 and 4 of Article 89 and that the word "one" be substituted for the word "two" and the word "Director" for the word "Directors" in line one of Article 89.
- That the words "hand of one of the Directors" be substituted for the words "hands of two of the Directors" in line 3 of Article 10.

Dated the 10th day of February, 1918.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & ACQUISITION CO., LTD.
General Agents for the Company.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MRS. C. LEUNG alias LEUNG LIM CHO alias LEUNG NGOK is no longer in our employment since the 11th instant. Henceforth, all money in payment of debts due to us by any of our respectable customers should be handed to the Underigned and NOT to the said MRS. C. LEUNG alias LEUNG LIM CHO alias LEUNG NGOK who has no authority to receive same. The receipts for payments should bear our proper Cash Receipt. Upon otherwise they shall not be treated as valid. This is specially specified as to prevent any dispute in future.

Dated the 11th day of February, 1918.
WING SUN & CO.,
General Managers.

INTIMATIONS

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Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1918. 172

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Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1918. 132

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES WILL BE RESUMED ON 1st March.
For Terms &c. apply to
THE HEADMASTER.
Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1918. 173

NOTICE.

PEAK HOTEL.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. F. O. FOSTER's connection with the Peak Hotel, as Manager, ceases as from the 28th inst.

It is desired to balance the accounts of the Hotel as from that date. All persons to or from whom monies are due are therefore requested to send in their claims or pay the sums due from them forthwith.

A. FINDLAY SMITH,
Proprietor,
Peak Hotel.

Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1918. 174

HONGKONG HOTEL.

RACE WEEK.

DINNER DANCES will be held on the following nights, open to Residents and Diners in the Hotel:—
MONDAY, 25th February,
TUESDAY, 26th February,
WEDNESDAY, 27th February,
and
SATURDAY, 2nd March.

Table d'Hôte Menu will be served as follows:

GRILL ROOM—\$3.50 per head.
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(The Ordinary Grill Room "à la Carte" Menu will be withdrawn on each of the above evenings).

The usual bi-weekly Tea Dances WILL NOT BE HELD on the following days:
FRIDAY, 22nd February,
and
TUESDAY, 26th February,
but will be RESUMED on—
FRIDAY, 1st March.

J. H. TAGGART,
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Hongkong, Feb. 19, 1918. 143

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RETURN OF THE CHIKUZEN MARU.

A FEW TRACES OF THE MISSING
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The Chikuzen Maru, which went in search of the missing liner Hitachi Maru, has returned to Kobe from Singapore. The Chikuzen Maru left Kobe on 27th November, and, after making a close search in the locality where it is supposed by some parties that the Hitachi may have disappeared, proceeded to Colombo. After a short stay there she went on to the Maldiva Islands and Laccadive Islands. On the southernmost of the Laccadive Islands, viz. Senhalipar Island, news was obtained that some steamship had been picked up by the natives. These articles were 3 pieces of lutan, 20 pairs of zori, and a case containing 130 pounds of coconuts marked "F. London," which was identified as having been taken on board by the Hitachi at Colombo, and placed in the upper part of her No. 3 hatch. According to the natives of the island one of the steamships that took refuge there for about a week was a German commerce destroyer, the other may possibly have been the Hitachi Maru. The latter was damaged about the bridge and stern, and appeared to have been undergoing repairs.

The boatmen, the natives said, was ashore on Senhalipar several days after the two vessels left together. The officers of the Chikuzen made the greatest efforts to obtain more particulars from the natives, but owing to the difficulty of making themselves understood, in the absence of an interpreter, they were not able to get much information. About 7 days were spent there in apparently useless toil. While the Chikuzen was in the neighborhood of the Laccadive Islands, two aeroplanes manned by three Flying Lieutenants assisted in the search, and a destroyer also lent valuable help. On her way home the Chikuzen left Colombo for Singapore on 19th January, arrived at Singapore on the 26th, and thence sailed direct for Kobe on the 29th.

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THE SIMPLE DINNER.

[By GEORGE EDGAR IN THE
"DAILY NEWS"]

One valuable lesson the war is teaching with inexorable persistence day by day—the lesson of simplicity. The war is altering a habit of mind. Whereas in 1914 the people of this country were always wondering what more they could have, now they are preoccupied with a much sadder problem of living—what can we do without? The simplified dinners of to-day are making thousands of small hostesses happier; and their happiness is breeding a new contentment in the kitchens of houses where only a single servant is kept.

Before war broke out I hesitated to dine with Jorkins, an excellent fellow with a delightful wife, but somehow he had a fixed notion, with which his wife agreed, that if he asked me to dine with him at home I expected the elaborate service I should get in connection with all his guests, but I do know he tortured his household by working it out before me, and incidentally, he tortured his guest. There is not much in the trappings of the table, for the sensible man, either way, as long as the elementary necessities are observed. But one thing always does make me uncomfortable; and that is the pretentious menu served in the restaurant manner in a small villa or flat, where one servant is kept, or two at the most. That is why I did not begin to enjoy an evening with Jorkins until dinner was over.

Jorkins used to feel it his duty to dispense hospitality in the professionally grand manner—"sherry and bitters," hors d'œuvre, a selection, or perhaps oysters, trying to disguise the length of time since they were opened at the fish shop; soup—a ready-made distillation from the stores, quite good; and sometimes warm, fish—usually turbot, with a chill. It is surprising the trouble that can happen in cooking a potato. Usually the entrée succeeded—time, both in the afternoon and during the dinner, was on its side. And then, towards Jorkins' dinner was said—sweet, cheese, fruit, coffee, liqueurs only put a strain on the service and the table equipment, and

not on the cooking power of the house.

With the coffee, the cloud rolled away, and Mrs. Jorkins sighed as one does who knows that anything worse cannot happen.

Always one remembered that Jorkins, manifestly at his ease, was being easy with a mighty effort. And delightful Mrs. Jorkins, when she started stories or conversation, and never finished them, was not showing signs of mental collapse. She was simply playing the smiling hostess, with a mind on the temperature of the fish, the progress of the sauce and the appalling risks being run by vegetables.

All the time one had visions of the whole duty was to wait at table. The dinner, by a pleasing fiction, was being dished by the rest of the staff—non-existent. And course by course, the tired maid came up with the plunk of an old-time prizefighter, breathing hard, but determined; basting courageously, but losing power round by round. Partial failure with a course was success. A cold potato was a compromise; its non-appearance only a confession of utter breakdown.

Today I dine with Jorkins with pleasure. My friend is really at his ease. My hostess, radiant with charm, never leaves the table. The real house-maid breathes normally, is not highly coloured, and smiles as she handles the plates. Menu: A home-made soup from the stock of the character of Scotch broth; mutton, potato balls, and the inevitable Brussels sprouts; stewed apples and custard; biscuits and cheese; coffee in the drawing-room, any time after.

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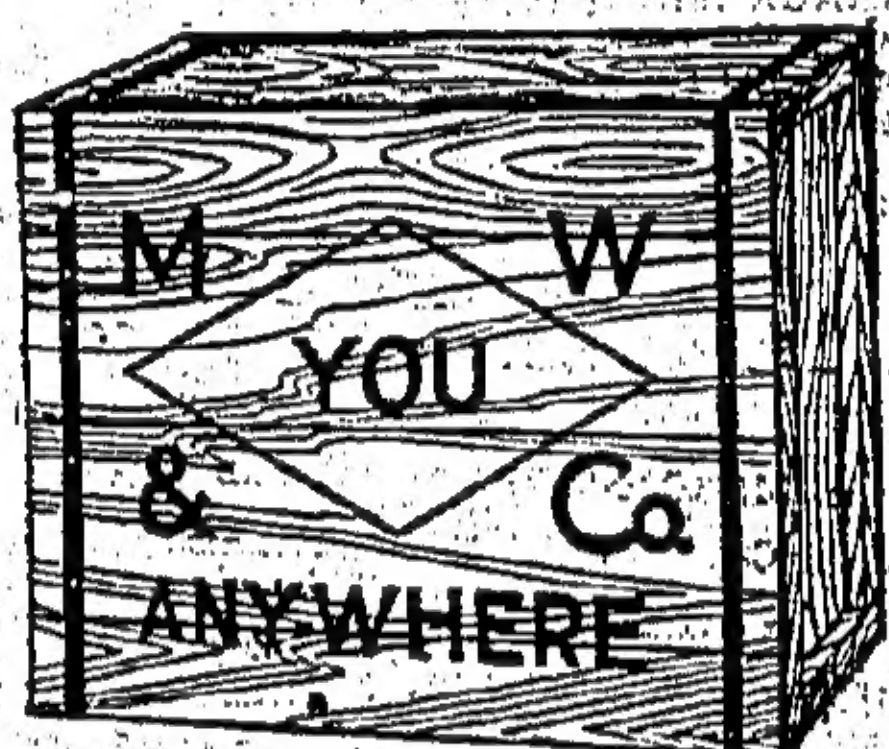
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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.
11.15.—Harmston's Circus opens at
Carnegie Hall.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.
Third day of Races.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

THURSDAY, Feb. 28:—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of China Provi-
dential Loan & Mortgage Co.
FRIDAY, March 1:—
12.15 p.m.—Hongkong Hotel Co.'s
half-yearly meeting of shareholders.
1st DAY, March 2:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and
Blackwood Furniture etc. at Messrs.
Hughes & Hough's.
FRIDAY, March 2:—
11 a.m.—Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of the Kowloon Land & Building
Co., Ltd.
FRIDAY, March 2:—
Good Friday.
SUNDAY, March 3:—
Easter Sunday.

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means that there is more for
America to do, "and we can do it,
and shall do it." The St. Louis
"Post-Dispatch," reflecting the
opinion of the South-West, says
substantially the same thing, and
the "Chronicle," of Houston, Tex.,
speaking for the South, says: "It
matters not what the cost may be,
the only way to peace lies through
victory, and those are stupid indeed
who do not see that victory is up
to us." Many similar expressions
showing this confidence and deter-
mination could be given, and the
coming year will prove to the Ger-
man people that the success of their
intrigue and duplicity in Russia has
served but to strengthen the deter-
mination of the more enlightened
democracies of the world to accom-
plish the objects for which they
entered the war.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The price of bread in Yokohama
was raised 50 per cent. on the 15th inst.
because of the high price of flour. The
new price is 18 sen a kin.

Mr. A. Brooke-Smith, of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson and Co., left Shang-
hai for Home last week. He was given
a very hearty send-off at the jetty by
his many friends.

We regret to learn from to-day's
cables of the death of Sir Henry Blake
who from 1898 to 1903 was Governor
of Hongkong. A review of his career
is held over until to-morrow.

We learn that Commodore Sande-
man, R.N. and Lieut.-Col. John
Ward, M.P. have been honoured by
appointment as Companions of the Most
Distinguished Order of St. Michael and
St. George.

We have to ask the indulgence
of readers to-day for several small
typographical errors which it has been
impossible to correct owing to the gas
supply to our Linotype machine being
cut off, owing to the disaster at the
Race course.

SATURDAY'S THEATRICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Mr. Stokes informs us that the
entertainment which took place on
Saturday last at the Theatre Royal for
The Mercantile Marine in England and
the Naval Prisoners of War realized, by
sales of tickets, programmes and sweets
about \$2,500. Mr. Stokes has not the
complete details but Mr. Robert Suther-
land has kindly undertaken the
Treasurership as Mr. Stokes is leaving
to-morrow for Shanghai and he will
very shortly give full particulars.
There are no expenses to be deducted
thanks to a few kind friends in the
shipping world.

Mr. Stokes tenderly his grateful thanks
to all who helped both in front and
behind the curtain; to the Police Reserve
for their Band, to Messrs. Montrose & Co.
for their valuable service free of charge
and to the Press for their support.

THE CEREBRO-SPINAL EPIDEMIC.

The returns of the Medical Officer of
Health for the week ending February
23rd show 62 cases of cerebro-spinal
fever, with 33 deaths. In the City of
Victoria there were 45 cases and 14 in
districts other than the city. All were
Chinese cases but two, one of these
being a British case and the other a
Portuguese case.

THE MAGISTRACY.

ALLEGED POCKET-PICKING AT THE RACES.

A young Chinese was charged before
Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with
picking the pocket of another Chinese at
the Grand Stand enclosure yesterday.
Defendant pleaded not guilty. He
stated that he saw complainant pursue
on the ground and pointed it out to
him when the latter accused him of this
theft and had him arrested.
Complainant said he saw the defend-
ant pick a purse out of his pocket.
When witness arrested him, defendant
dropped the purse.
After further evidence, Mr. Wood
remanded the case until to-morrow.

GREAT CALAMITY. AT THE RACE COURSE.

CROWDED STANDS COLLAPSE. DREADFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

At the Race course at Happy Valley
at three o'clock this afternoon just, as
the fifth race of the day was about to
start a great calamity unexpectedly
occurred.

The whole of the matted stands,
suddenly collapsed, the whole falling
backwards, towards the Golf Club
pavilion.

At the time there were thousands
of people, chiefly Chinese and Portu-
guese, crowding the stands, and as
the races were about to be resumed
after the fifth interval, people were
streaming to the booths to get a view of
the race.

There was a loud crash of breaking
timbers and the whole row of stands,
which were erected on a continuous
forest of poles, was seen to go.

Immediately there was a great rush
to the scene from the Grand Stand
enclosure and from outside the rails
where thousands of Chinese, as usual,
had congregated to watch the race.

It was a foregone conclusion
that the collapse of the stands must
have caused hundreds of casualties
and when it was seen that a fire
had broken out in the debris the
horror of the calamity was instantly
increased. Police, soldiers and civilians
promptly set to work to extricate
the unfortunate people from the
debris, but before those farthest
from the race track could be reached
the fire obtained such a hold upon the
debris that it is certain that the
flames must have added greatly to the
casualty list.

Telephone messages were sent for
the Fire Brigade which answered the
call quickly and got to work on the
burning mass. The heat given out was
so intense that the road between the
entrance to the Race Course and the
Golf Club house, quickly became almost
impassable.

On some of these stands timbers
were provided, and it is assumed that fires
which had been used for this purpose
led to the outbreak when the whole
structure collapsed. The material of
which these stands are constructed
naturally burnt very fiercely after the
long period of dry weather which we
have had.

The burning of the debris of the
collapsed stands continued until every
particle was reduced to the ground.
Then a most terrible sight was ex-
hibited. Whole piles of charred bodies
were to be seen at intervals. Although
the total casualties will probably never
be known, hundreds must have
perished.

Meanwhile heroic assistance was
being rendered to the injured and many
ladies rendered first aid. All available
motor cars were requisitioned to take
the injured to the hospitals.

Mr. Britto, who was in the pan-
nular compartment, said that the first
he heard was a loud cracking as if an
earthquake were taking place. The
next he knew was that he was pinned
under the counter together with
a Chinese lady. He tried to
extricate the lady and himself, but
almost immediately he felt a heat
wave, and realised that a fire had
started. He next remembered being
dragged out by a European Sergeant.

There were also many instances of
heroic bravery by the Police Reserves
and Service men. Of the instances
so far known, was that of Sergeant
Kennedy who was rendered unconscious
while rescuing the victims.

The most astonishing thing about the
catastrophe was that the stands collapsed
without any sort of warning. The whole
length of the structures fell like a pack
of cards, starting from the farthest end
and extending the whole length look-
ing from the Grand Stand of the Race
Course. Immediately after, hundreds
of people could be seen scrambling over
the debris, falling through into the
ruts every time an attempt was made
to get a foothold.

Meanwhile the services of all Service
men on the spot were commandeered
and every effort was made to clear
away the debris in order to make a
breach to prevent the igniting of the
United Services and Naval
Dressing rooms, which are adjacent.

Shortly it was noticed that one of the
servants of the Golf Club House was on
fire and then the whole race track
was in flames.

In a very short while the building
was so well alight that it was seen
nothing could save it. A large portion
of the property, such as golf clubs etc.
was taken out on to the road, but the
building itself was finally burnt to the
ground.

It is impossible to estimate at present
what the extent of the loss of life is,
but it is probable that it will run into
many hundreds.

RACES SUSPENDED.

On the occurrence of the disaster
the Races were, of course, suspended.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING NIGHT.

The proprietors of Harmston's
Circus must have wished, last night,
that their tent had been double its
size, for had that been the case,
many patrons would still have had
to stand. As it was, every available
seat and all standing room was occu-
pied, last night, for the opening per-
formance, which fully justified the
claims made by Mr. Willie Harm-
ston, that his is the finest Circus
travelling the East.

The performance goes with a swing
and a continuity that is surprising,
and the ring is not left vacant for a
moment. When any particular act
requires adjustment of apparatus, the
funny clowns keep the audience in
roars of laughter.

It would be difficult to pick out any
particular act as predominating in
excellence. For those who like per-
forming animals, there are exhibitions
of masterpieces of training. Mr.
Willie Harmston has an Arab Stallion
that does almost anything but talk,
and the elephants and other ponies
and horses are also wonderfully
clever.

The other items include Equestrian
acts, Acrobatic acts, Roman Ring
acts, Knife-throwing acts, Wire-
Walking acts—in fact, every conceiv-
able act that can possibly be perform-
ed in a Circus, and each is executed
with such excellence as we have
seldom seen in any show of the kind.
Harmston's Circus is, no doubt, going
to enjoy a most successful season in
Hongkong.

It might also be mentioned that
the location of the Circus is very con-
venient. Cars take one to within a
minute's walk of the tent, and the
Management has very thoughtfully
had the approach well lit up with
Kilston lights. Arrangements have
been also made for late tram cars,
and last, but not least, the comfort
of patrons with regard to the seating
accommodation, etc., has been care-
fully considered.

YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Sixth of the series of Club
Championship Races for the Handicap
Class, (see Design Class, and Herald
Hays and Gail Class was sailed off on
Saturday afternoon with the following
results:—

COURSE:— Mark Boat in Quarry Bay
(S). East Rocks Buoy (S). Channel Rocks
(S). Lyemum Beacon (S). Distance: 8
miles.

Yacht. Course. Time. Time.
M. S. H. M. S. H. M. S. H. M. S. H.
Dione..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Bella..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Jessica..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Diana..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Colleen..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Aileen..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25

Position. Pts. for race. Pts. to date.
(1) Dione..... 5 20
(2) Bella..... 4 16
(3) Jessica..... 3 12
(4) Diana..... 2 8
(5) Colleen..... 1 4
(6) Aileen..... 0 0

COURSE:— Lyemum Beacon (P). Kow-
loon Rock (P). Mark Boat in Quarry Bay
(S). Distance: 8 miles.

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Position. Pts. for race. Pts. to date.
(1) Aileen..... 6 26
(2) Dione..... 5 21
(3) Bella..... 4 17
(4) Jessica..... 3 13
(5) Diana..... 2 9
(6) Colleen..... 1 5

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Lydia..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Dawn..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Tonnets..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Lady Ursula..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Gael..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25
Ashore..... 1.30.45 4.35.25 4.35.25 4.35.25

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

SECOND DAY.

SIR ELLIS KADOORIE'S WIN.

Glorious weather favoured the
second day of the races and a large
number of people again attended,
including His Excellency the Govern-
or and party from Government
House.

The Band of the Middlesex Regi-
ment again enlivened the proceedings
with an excellently rendered pro-
gramme of music as follows:—

The great event of the day was the
Derby and it brought forth a great
and gratifying surprise. After
Dominoes exhibition in the Trial Plate
yesterday by snatching the win
from Salamander at the post Mr.
Johnstone's mount was much fa-
voured for the Blue Ribbon of the
meeting. Salamander was a hot
favourite until he lost to Domino in
the 6th race on the opening day; still
he had a good number of followers
and Mr. Ezra was relied upon to pilot
his mount home and win from Mr.
John Peel's favoured pony. From
the Cat's stables, Wild Cat made a
poor showing in the Professional Cup
and Mr. Adamerie stable, therefore,
was not much fancied in the great
event of the day. The unlooked for
happened, however, and Sir Ellis
Kadoorie's Tytam Chief, a rank out-
sider, ridden by Mr. Knoll, won by a
short head. The race provided one
of the hardest fought finishes of the
meeting and Sir Ellis Kadoorie and
his jockey were loudly cheered, the
win being a most popular one. The
description of the race will be found
below:—

THE JOCKEY CUP.—Winner
\$500. Second \$200. Third \$100.
For China Ponies. Subscription
Griffins of any Season. To be rid-
den by Jockeys who have not had
more than two winning mounts
previous to this Meeting in Hong-
kong or China. Weight for inches
as per scale. Winners barred.
Entrance \$5. Once Round.

Mr. Billard's Green Cloth, 11st 11lb
(Mr. Barton) 1
Marrow, Beth and Ross King Dick,
1st 4lb (Mr. Sutton) 2
Mr. Dowling's Huntman, 10st 12lb
(Mr. Kremer) 3
Also ran—Tabby Cat (Mr. Reid),
White Cat (Mr. Elias), Dividend (Mr.
Congdon), Bittern (Mr. Morrison).

After a good start Huntman shot
ahead with Green Cloth second and
Tabby Cat last. In the back stretch
the favourite, Green Cloth, went in
partnership with Huntman, with
King Dick third. At the Bowington
Gate, Green Cloth was still leading
by a length from Huntman with
King Dick third. Dividend, then
forcing the pace, took third place.
At the bottom of the incline, before
reaching the Rock, Tabby Cat took
second place. Green Cloth was still
leading at the Rock; King Dick
second and Dividend third. The
same order obtained down the incline,
Green Cloth leading, by two lengths.
Round the bend the leader went
further ahead and there was a fine
race for second place between Hun-
tman and King Dick. Green Cloth
won by many lengths with a short
head between Huntman and King
Dick.

Time:—1min. 57secs.
Pari-Mutuel:—Winner, \$8.00; 1st,
\$5.80; 2nd, \$10.20; 3rd, \$17.70.
Cash Sweeps:—1st, No. 350,
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THE SOCIALIST CONFERENCE.

BRITISH LABOUR WAR AIMS ACCEPTED.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Mr. Arthur Henderson, presiding at an inter Allied Socialist Conference luncheon, stated that the Conference, in substance, accepted the British Labour war aims memorandum, including the independence of Belgium, Serbia, Rumania and Montenegro and basing other territorial changes mainly on justice and right.

Mr. Henderson said their aims constituted the irreducible minimum. He ridiculed the so-called foolish talk of British Labour going to negotiate with an olive branch in its hands while the enemy was fully armed.

THE CHINESE LABOUR BATTALIONS.

A Y.M.C.A. APPEAL.

LONDON, Feb. 21. The Y.M.C.A. is appealing for £70,000 for the welfare of many thousands of Chinese labourers in France.

The China Association has contributed over £10,000 towards the amount.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 24. The Silver Market is steady.

LONDON, Feb. 21. Messrs. Samuel, Montagu and Company's Silver report states that the Market is dull and there has been a slight further fall in price. The Shanghai Exchange is disposed to be steady.

It is reported from Washington that the United States will furnish Mexico with £1,000,000 worth of gold before April in return for Mexico removing the restrictions on the export of Silver. In this event, supplies are likely to become more plentiful as the year advances.

The Indian silver holding is the lowest since November 11, 1913.

THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

LONDON, Feb. 21. At the monthly conference of the cotton employers, operatives and the Lancashire Members of the House of Commons, it was reported that the understanding to allow cotton imports sufficient to supply sixty per cent of the spindles had, so far, been carried out, but shipping for exports is inadequate and the stocks of manufacturers are accumulating.

NEW BISHOP OF FUKIEN.

LONDON, Feb. 21. The Rev. John Hind, the Headmaster of the Church Missionary Society's High School at Foochow, has been appointed Bishop of Fukien in succession to Bishop Price, who has resigned.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Feb. 23. The death is announced of Sir Henry Arthur Blake, G.C.M.G., F.R.S.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Teak, D.S.P. (H.).

Inspection. All ranks, including those on duty on that day, will be inspected by His Excellency the Governor on the Polo Ground at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 3rd. No exemptions, except by the Surgeon Superintendent, will be granted.

Transfers will leave Queen's Statue Square at 3 p.m. sharp. Men will assemble at this point under the Second in Command.

Fall in on the Polo Ground at the Shanklin end, but facing Jacky Club Stables, at 3.15 p.m.

Mounted Police will patrol until 3.45 p.m. keeping the public beyond the boards which limit the Polo Ground.

Transfers will leave Causeway Bay on the return journey at about 5.15 p.m.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD. A disciplinary Board will sit regularly on Mondays (except holidays) at Headquarters (Club) at 10 p.m.

Inspection of the various commands may attend in rotation as members thereof.

The first regular Board will sit on Monday, March 4th.

By Order, T. Y. Hovon, A.S.P. (H.) and Adjutant.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE RUSSIAN PEACE.

GERMANY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF PEACE OFFER.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22. Germany admits receipt of the document confirming Russia's peace offer signed by M. Lenin and M. Trotsky.

It is semi-officially stated that Germany will not reply immediately as Dr. von Kuehlmann is meanwhile otherwise engaged in Bukharest.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS. LONDON, Feb. 24. A Russian wireless message says:—

1.—Germany and Russia to declare the state of war ended.

2.—The regions west of the line indicated at Brest-Litovsk to the Russian Delegation, formerly belonging to Russia, to be no longer under Russian territorial protection; in the region of Dvinsk this line must be advanced to the eastern frontier of Courland, and Germany and Austria-Hungary will define the further fate of these regions in agreement with their populations.

3.—Livonia and Estonia must be immediately cleared of Russian troops and Red Guards and be occupied by German police till security is guaranteed by their constitutions.

4.—Russia will conclude peace with Ukraine and evacuate Ukraine and Finland.

5.—Russia to do her utmost to secure the orderly return of the eastern Austro-Hungarian frontiers to Turkey.

6.—Complete demobilization of the Russian Army.

7.—The Russian Fleet, including Entente warships, must be kept in Russian harbours till a general peace, or must be disbanded.

8.—The Russo-German commercial treaty of 1904 comes into force, free export of ores must be guaranteed and a new commercial treaty must be negotiated.

9.—Legal and political relations will be regulated in accordance with the first German-Russian conventions.

10.—Russia promises to end all propaganda against the Quadruple.

11.—The conditions must be accepted within forty-eight hours and Russian Plenipotentiaries must sign at Brest-Litovsk within three days the peace treaty, which must be ratified in a fortnight.

TROTSKY AND LENIN ACCEPT PEACE TERMS.

LONDON, Feb. 24. A wireless Russian official message says that M. Lenin and M. Trotsky have sent a message to Berlin of Russia's acceptance of the German peace conditions and is sending a delegation to Brest-Litovsk.

THE ADVANCE INTO ESTHONIA.

LONDON, Feb. 24. A German official message says:—

We advanced by forced marches into Esthonia, the enemy resisting at some points.

We are approaching Reval.

We took 1,000 prisoners and liberated 600 Austrians and Germans at Walk.

We captured Ostrov.

We took 1,000 prisoners at Balbino and have occupied Bornissaw and Linsingens and our troops have entered Ikoros.

BRITISH SUBJECTS WARNED TO LEAVE.

LONDON, Feb. 23. The Times Petrograd Correspondent says that a British military order has been issued to all Britishers of military age in Petrograd, who have been hitherto exempted to depart homewards on six hours notice. Other Britishers able to go, especially women and children, are advised to leave Russia without delay.

EXPECTED RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22. The Lokal Anzeiger states that after a conference with Count Czernin and Premier Averescu at Bucharest, Dr. von Kuehlmann, who has come to Bucharest, expects to renew negotiations with Russia at Brest-Litovsk if the Russians undertake to accept the terms laid down.

GERMANS MAY CAPTURE RUSSIAN ICE-BOUND FLEET.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22. The Russian Fleet, including a number of modern dreadnoughts, is ice-bound at Reval and Helsinki and it is feared that unless the vessels are destroyed, they may fall into the hands of the Germans as the crews will not fight.

GERMAN PRESS TRUCULENT.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23. The German Press is most truculent as regards the negotiations with Rumania. It expresses the opinion that owing to the hopelessness of her military situation Rumania will not expect too much, while the Hungarian Premier, replying to an interpellation in the Lower House, has forecasted the military and economic subjugation of Rumania.

THE MASK TOWN FROM GERMANY.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 23. The Commissaries of the People have appointed a special General Staff for the district of Petrograd and martial law has been established under which "counter-revolutionary elements" will be exterminated without difficulty, and the whole population has been mobilized for defence work.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL FRENCH ENTERPRISE.

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A noteworthy fact is that the whole of the newly captured district was the private property of the Sultan.

GENERAL ALLENBY'S POSITION WELL DEFINED.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Reuter is authoritatively informed that much importance is attached to the fact of the British being on the banks of the Jordan, which will greatly help in establishing touch with the Arabs thereby greatly encouraging their allies, who have fought a long and tough fight against overwhelming numbers.

General Allenby's position is now well defined. On the right flank rests the Dead Sea and on the left the Mediterranean, hence a frontal attack alone is possible for the enemy. We control the Dead Sea and have access to the rich lands on the eastern sides and menace the railway to Damascus.

Ahead, we have an easier country and better roads.

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FLYING FROM LONDON TO ROME.

ROME, Feb. 22. A British chaser plane, which left London yesterday, has arrived.

The journey was completed in six stages.

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DISINTERRED BABYLON.

FORGOTTEN GLORIES OF CITY OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

[BY EDWARD CANDLER IN THE "TIMES."]

By the Tigris and Euphrates mortality is the most obvious thing that meets the eye as one rides abroad, but the dearest of dead things in this Mesopotamian waste is Babylon.

Nineteen years ago, when I visited the site, the ground was mostly scratched by the professional excavators, though the robbers of bricks had been busy quarrying there for centuries. The excavations were begun by the German archaeologists in March, 1899, and from 200 to 250 workmen were employed daily, winter and summer, until the war put an end to the work. The greater part of the city which the Germans have brought to light belongs to the comparatively modern period of Nebuchadnezzar (604-561 B.C.), but there are traces in the ruins left by two first Babylonian Kings (c. 2500 B.C.), and successive strata reveal the streets and houses built by succeeding dynasties of the Assyrian, Neo-Babylonian, Persian, and Greek-Parthian periods. Also there are relics that prove a prehistoric Babylon, but it is impossible to carry excavations down to that depth owing to the rise in the water level.

The city walls of Nebuchadnezzar are a triple rampart. Two teams of four horses abreast could pass each other on the outer barrier. The whole circuit, according to the evidence of the excavations, was 12 miles, but Cleopatra gave four times, and Herodotus nearly five times, this circumference. The excavators have followed the line of the Kasas Roadway, a broad street which leads to the Ishtar Gate made by Nebuchadnezzar as a processional road for the great God Marduk, to whose temple of Esagila it leads. The walls of the Ishtar Gate stand 40 ft. above the foundations, and are covered with figures of bulls and dragons in brick relief. There is little else that is decorative to catch the uninitiated eye at Babylon.

The silver and gold and precious stones with which Sardanapalus filled the temple of Esagila are forgotten. The images have been removed, the double doors of cedarwood overlaid with copper.

It is hard to tell whether one is standing on the roof of the floor at Babylon. The roofs of one period became the foundations of the next. But in a general way in spite of the super-imposed strata of the hungry generations that have trodden one another down, the identification of sites in Babylon is easier than in most buried cities. And this is due to the inscriptions on the bricks and flagstones. For the Kings of Babylonia were providentially vain. They left their stamp everywhere in no uncertain characters. Sardanapalus invoked curses on the head of whosoever should destroy the records of his name. "Him may Marduk, the King of All, behold with wrath, and destroy his name and his seed in the land." Nebuchadnezzar caused a legend to be inscribed on every brick, glorifying his works. On the edge of each slab under the Ishtar Gate was an inscription which was destined to remain hidden and invisible until turned over by the curious excavator after 25 centuries had gone.

Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, son of Nabopolassar, King of Babylon, am I. The Rebel Street I paved with blocks of Shad-stone for the procession of the great Lord Marduk. Marduk, Lord, grant eternal life.

Nebuchadnezzar, speaking in the bricks of a protective wall he built in the Euphrates, says:—"I raised its foundation on the depth of the water, its top I exalted like the wooded mountains." He was familiar, it seems, with the existence of mountains. And to my mind this is the most wonderful thing about Babylon, that these Kings, with all the wealth and resources they could command, should have chosen to live in their spirit by the Euphrates. For thousands of years the greatest sovereigns of the earth selected for choice the climate of Hell.

The millions of stamped bricks and the thousands of inscribed ones have preserved the name of the great King as enduringly as he could have wished. But he is forgotten by the people of the land. All his bricks and memorials are in vain. Even the Lord Marduk is as dead as his Royal suppliant and protector. With neither name, could one conjure up the humbler local spirit or awaken a shadow of reverence or awe. Persia, Parthia, Greece, and Rome have passed since, and rarely remembered.

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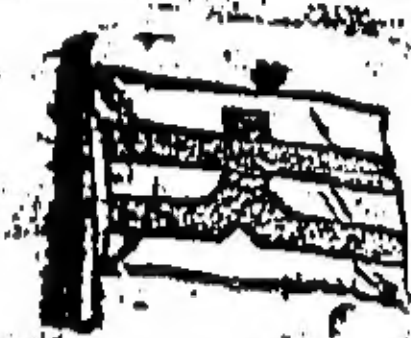
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E. V. D. PARR,
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Hongkong, Nov. 23, 1917.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

TOTO KISEN KAISHA.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO Via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

THE Steamship "KOREA MARU" having arrived from the above port, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on WEDNESDAY, 27th February, at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all Cargo remaining undelivered on 27th March at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All cargo and damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 4th March, at 10 a.m.

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T. DAIGO,

Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1918.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM SEATTLE.

THE Steamship "LOUISE NIELSEN" having arrived from the above port, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where, whether from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 4th March, at 5 p.m., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 4th March, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1918.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 1st March at 10 a.m. by the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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	"Aki Maru," 12,500 tons	SAT. 20th Apr. 11 a.m.
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GERMAN PRISONERS IN
NEW ZEALAND.ESCAPE AND RECAPTURE OF A
PARTY.

INTERESTING STORY.

An official statement regarding the escape of the German prisoners from Motu and recapture of the party was issued at Wellington on December 25, as follows:—
On the evening of December 13, 11 German prisoners of war, under the leadership of Commander von Luckner, lately in command of the German raider Seeadler, made their escape from Motu Island, Auckland Harbour, in a motor launch named Pearl, attached to the island. From the motor-boat they transferred to the sailing schooner, Moa, which was seized in the Bay of Plenty, and in her they left the New Zealand coast.

They were recaptured on the evening of Friday, December 21, in the vicinity of the Kermadec Islands, by an armed vessel dispatched by the New Zealand Government to those waters for the purpose, and they arrived this afternoon in Auckland, where they were at once landed.

The crew of the Moa, consisting of five men and a boy, were still on board their vessel when it was recaptured, and state that they have been well treated in every way by the Germans. The Moa herself was towed back to Auckland by the capturing vessel, and has suffered no serious damage as a result of her experiences.

CAPTURE OF THE MOA DESCRIBED.

The following statement was issued on Thursday evening by the naval adviser to the Government, Captain P. H. Hall-Thomas:—

The escaped German prisoners who have now to the credit of the country, been returned to New Zealand, appear to have obeyed carefully the normal rules of war in all their proceedings. After escaping from Motu, they concealed themselves in one of the numerous small inlets of the islands until a suitable craft for their purpose was sighted. Meanwhile they had taken the precaution of proceeding outside the three-mile limit, and there wearing in all the disguises of the members of the Kaiser's Navy, thus making them all members of the Imperial German forces.

When capturing the Moa, which apparently had not heard of the escape before sailing from Auckland, the Germans approached under the New Zealand flag, but just previously to committing any act of war, the German Ensign—a small size—was hoisted. Apparently the launch Pearl hailed the Moa to leave to, then went alongside, and at once put 10 men on board her. The manning of the crew, who were mostly below at the moment, were of course, outnumbered and overpowered. They were told that they were civilian prisoners of the Kaiser, and must do as they were told, and that if they did not, they would be shot for any loss of pay they suffered while working for Germany.

The launch was then taken in tow and sail made to the northward. Unfortunately for the escapees, the launch foundered in the heavy seas hours later, thus depriving them of a very useful adjunct, and materially assisting their recapture. When finally recaptured, the escapees were again flying the German Ensign and surrendered as prisoners of war.

The fact that the recapturing ship was efficiently armed undoubtedly led to their surrender, which occurred immediately it was realized that guns of a moderate calibre were available. Had the ship not been armed, it is probable the escapees would have put up a capable resistance, and as a matter of fact, a gun had to be fired close to the Moa before the order to leave was obeyed.

Whatever means of attack or defence were possessed by the escapees were thrown overboard before the surrender. The prisoners had a sufficient quantity of provisions and water to last them for some

considerable time, but the quality of the former was not quite what was necessary.

The crew of the Moa were well treated up to the time of the recapture, and were given the same food, etc., as the escapees themselves.

In many ways much forethought and ingenuity was shown by the prisoners in their plans and preparations for escape.

YEAR IN BIG GUNS.

Major T. G. Tulloch (late of the R.A.) in "Arms and Explosives," contributes an article of much interest at the present time, dealing with the wear of large guns. As the author points out, the wear of such guns has a most important influence on the cost of the war, not only on account of the expense of effecting repairs, but because such wear leads to the necessity of firing away in so short a time as to prevent the reduction in the cost of the war, so far as guns, ammunition, transport, etc., are concerned, is almost insupportable.

In dealing with this matter, Major Tulloch differentiates between the damage to the bore near the breech and the damage for which he retains the usual term, "corrosion"—and that near the muzzle, which he prefers to call "erosion," as it is a purely mechanical effect. The causes which produce the first-named class of damage are complex, and include the effects of temperature, the form and dimensions of the powder chamber, the chemical and physical qualities of the powder used, the rate of firing, the rapidity of the fire, the gas pressure, the projectile, and the composition and physical properties of the steel used for the inner tubes of the gun. All these matters present many points of interest, and they are discussed clearly in the article with which we are dealing.

Major Tulloch attaches much importance to the evolution of methods for securing the effective sealing of the gas escape immediately after the firing of the charge, and he makes some suggestions as to the form of such a device may be designed. As regards the physical properties of the steel used for the inner tube, Major Tulloch considers that the heat treatment should be subject to the most careful attention, and he points out that the necessity of obtaining more effective forging of the portion of the tube forming the bore, and suggests certain methods of securing this result.

With regard to the erosion near the muzzle, which is due to the mechanical action of the projectile, and metallic fouling, it is pointed out that to secure good shooting it is desirable to prevent such fouling by all practicable means, such as slightly bell-mouthing the bore, and, as indicative of the importance of this matter, he states that by electrolytic methods over 15 lbs. weight of copper have been removed from the bore of an 8 in. gun after firing just over 100 rounds.

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